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reasonable methodology for allowing the applicant for licensure to put their best foot forward. It's required that they give two citizens of the state of Nebraska as a reference. They now...if the committee amendments are adopted and the bill were adopted, they would have to be a citizen of the state of Nebraska for one year, they would have to provide as a reference two individuals who are citizens of the state of Nebraska. Those people could and should, and I hope, would be...would be contacted in order to provide information that's all a part of the investigatory process of the State Patrol. There is nothing in the bill that if the witness were to...if the reference were to be bad, as you indicate and said this is a horrible, awful person...first of all, that might raise some suspicion as to the competency and qualification of the applicant to have provided such a bad reference. But secondly, there's nothing that says the State Patrol has to defer to what the reference is. It simply gives...it aides the process. It begins the process, and there's nothing to say that these references can't be asked to provide additional references.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: What type questions would you think should be asked?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I would leave that to the expertise of law enforcement. You, in the bill, provided that the State Patrol was sufficiently expert to ultimately make this decision and grant the license. We, as a committee, I think, assume the the State Patrol is sufficiently expert given a starting point to check the references.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: What if they can't get a hold of these two references?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Schellpeper, that's probably where you and I disagree about this. If they can't...if you provide two references and they can't get hold of either one of them or both, I hope they drag out the process long and hard, because there's nothing that should be urgent about getting a concealed handgun license.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you. I think that points out some of the concerns that I have as how they're going to, without any